



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 13, 2021

9:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL ELECTRONIC MEETING

Attending

Board:

Chairman Roger Barrus
Vice-Chairman Don Foot
Dave Donegan
Bryan Harris
Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

Staff:

Dave Ure, Director
Wes Adams, Assistant Director, Oil & Gas
Keli Beard, Legal Counsel
Merritt Dunn, Audit Manager
Chris Fausett, Deputy Assistant Director, Surface
Mike Johnson, Chief Legal Counsel
Lisa Jones, Executive Assistant to the Board
Michelle McConkie, Assistant Director, Surface
Scott Ruppe, Deputy Director
Vince Wayodi, IT Specialist

Public:

Mark Burns, SITLA Board Legal Counsel
Tim Donaldson, Land Trusts Protection & Advocacy
Geoffrey Heath, EOG v SITLA Hearing Examiner
Christopher LeCates, EOG Legal Counsel
Shawn Welch, EOG Legal Counsel

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Barrus welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then presented the minutes of April 15, 2021. Mr. Mower made the motion to approve the April minutes. Mr. Foot seconded it. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative with Mr. Woodbury excused.

AYE	NO	ABSENT
Roger Barrus		Rick Woodbury
Don Foot		
Dave Donegan		
Bryan Harris		
Mike Mower		
Warren Peterson		

Chairman Barrus reminded Board members of the Board tour scheduled for May 20, 2021. Director Ure outlined the agenda for the tour.

Ms. McConkie then presented the proposal to sell lands to the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation (UDPR) for the Utahraptor State Park. Her presentation can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/719853.pdf>. Mr. Donegan, Mr. Mower, and Mr. Peterson spoke to the issue. Mr. Peterson moved to approve the sale of the lands for the fair market value, not to exceed \$7.5M; if the appraisal is returned higher than \$7.5M, the Board directs the staff to work with UDPR to accomplish the sale. Mr. Woodbury seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AYE	NO	ABSENT
Roger Barrus		
Don Foot		
Dave Donegan		
Bryan Harris		
Mike Mower		
Warren Peterson		
Rick Woodbury		

Mr. Heath presented his findings in the matter of EOG v SITLA. His Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/717339.pdf>. His presentation can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/717333.pdf>. Maps pertaining to the proceeding can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/717335.pdf> and <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/717337.pdf>.

Please refer to the audio of the meeting for more details: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/719847.mp3> at 24:10.

Mr. Welch spoke to the issues. Mr. Donegan inquired about the issues. Mr. Johnson spoke to the issues. Mr. Welch made a rebuttal on behalf of EOG. Mr. Mower, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Burns spoke to the issues.

At 12:04 p.m., Mr. Mower moved that the Board move into a closed session to discuss the EOG v SITLA matter pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-205(1)(c). Mr. Foot seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative

AYE	NO	ABSENT
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Roger Barrus
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Dave Donegan
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Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

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Board:

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Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

Presenters:

Mark Burns
Geoffrey Heath

At 1:10 p.m., Mr. Foot moved that the Board return to an open session. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AYE	NO	ABSENT
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Dave Donegan
Bryan Harris
Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

Mr. Donegan moved that the Board direct SITLA's attorney, Mr. Johnson, to prepare recommended changes to the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in accordance with the rules of civil procedure and submit those to opposing counsel for either objection or stipulation and submit that to the Board within the timeframe set forth in the rules of civil procedure. The parties would likewise submit a scheduling order to include the timeframe for resolving the matter within 90 days or such time as the parties determine is appropriate. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative, with Mr. Woodbury excused.

AYE	NO	ABSENT
Roger Barrus		Rick Woodbury
Don Foot		
Dave Donegan		
Bryan Harris		
Mike Mower		
Warren Peterson		

At 1:13 p.m., Mr. Mower moved that the Board adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AYE	NO	ABSENT
Roger Barrus		Rick Woodbury
Don Foot		
Dave Donegan		
Bryan Harris		
Mike Mower		
Warren Peterson		

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa S. Jones
Executive Assistant to the Board
June 17, 2021